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**York County Man Sentenced on Federal Firearm and Contempt Charges**

Portland, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that a federal judge sitting in Portland sentenced **Christopher B. Wright**, 27, of Kennebunk, Maine, to 80 months in prison for possession of a firearm by a felon and criminal contempt.

In February 2006, Wright broke into his grandparents' home in Kennebunk and stole two firearms. Wright then pawned one of the firearms and attempted to pawn the other one. At the time Wright stole the firearms, he had been convicted in York County Superior Court of conspiracy to commit robbery, theft and burglary of a motor vehicle and was prohibited from possessing firearms.

The contempt charge arose from Wright's violation of a release order issued by the United States District Court. After being discharged in July 2006 from an inpatient drug treatment program in Massachusetts, Wright failed to report to his United States Pretrial Services Officer as ordered and remained at large for over two months until arrested in Massachusetts for larceny and other charges.

This case is part of Maine's Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative, which is designed to reduce gunMay 15, 2007 violence. United States Attorney Silsby said that the investigation leading to the conviction was conducted by the Kennebunk Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

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